



# CANCER ADVOCACY:

## Leading a Movement to Promote and Preserve Progress

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's (ACS CAN) comprehensive advocacy efforts in 2017 resulted in numerous achievements benefiting people with cancer and their families.

More than  
**2.7 million**  
people will be covered by  
new local smoke-free laws,

including restaurants and bars,  
once all ordinances passed in  
2017 are fully implemented.



ACS CAN helped secure

more than  
**\$2.4 billion**  
in appropriations

at the state and local level.



ACS CAN gained  
more than

**35,000**  
new members.



**25,000**  
Lights of HOPE

illuminated the reflecting  
pool in front of the Lincoln  
Memorial as part of ACS  
CAN's National Leadership  
Summit and Lobby Day.



**68**  
fundraising events

across the country highlighted  
cancer research, access to care and the  
importance of patient quality of life.



More than

**650**  
cancer patients,  
survivors, caregivers and staff

met with members of Congress and their staff  
during ACS CAN's National Leadership Summit  
and Lobby Day.



Congress approved a

# \$2 billion increase

in medical research funding for  
the National Institutes of Health,

including \$475 million for the National Cancer Institute.



## 7 states

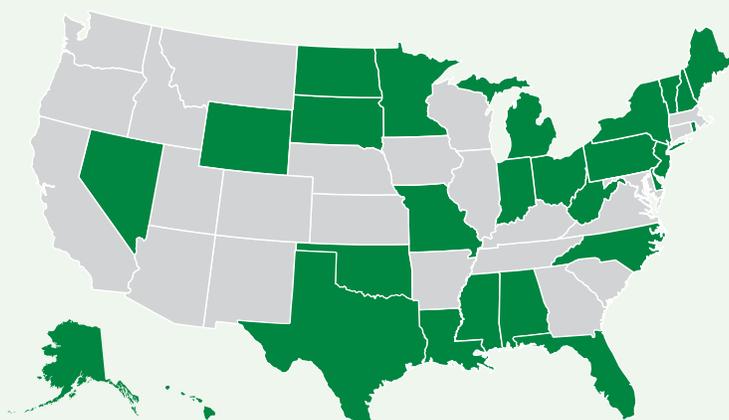
passed ACS CAN's model  
quality of life legislation,  
bringing the total to 20.



## 4,000

ACS CAN volunteers  
and staff attended  
Day at the Capitol events

in all 50 states, Guam and  
Washington, D.C.



## 27 states

protected funding for their breast and  
cervical cancer screening programs.



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